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The competition was open to all high school students in the Second Congressional District of West Virginia.

Kayla is pictured here receiving her first place prize with West Virginia Cabinet Secretary Kay Goodwin of the Department of Education and the Arts.

I thank all of the impressive artists for allowing us to celebrate their talents. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. CARSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to a very special event that will take place later this month in my hometown of Indianapolis.

On May 29, the world's finest automobile racing teams will compete for the very prestigious Borg-Warner Trophy at the 100th running of the Indy 500.

Mr. Speaker, every Memorial Day weekend since 1911, with the exception of a few years during World War I and World War II, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has been the site of the greatest spectacle in racing. Over the last century, Mr. Speaker, the Indianapolis 500 has become the most attended single-day sporting event on the planet Earth, with estimated crowds of over 400,000 people. Now, these fans add nearly \$500 million to the central Indiana economy each year.

The race is also incredibly popular around the world, Mr. Speaker. With millions of fans around the world, they have been listening to the race on the Motor Speedway Radio Network and watching it on television.

Now, what very few people realize is that the Indy 500 has been a very important influence in the development of passenger automobiles. Rearview mirrors, four-wheel hydraulic brakes, color warning lights, and the first mandatory use of helmets can be traced back to the great Hoosier State in the city of Indianapolis at the Indy 500. Now part of the excitement of watching the race every year, Mr. Speaker, is seeing how these high-tech automobiles have evolved and wondering which technology we will see on our roads in the near future.

I stand here today as a very proud Hoosier who is proud of our State's long racing heritage. I ask my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to join me and to join the rest of the Indiana delegation in recognizing all of those involved with the race over the last century, from the staff to the pit crews, to the drivers, and especially the fans who come out to the track each and every year. So congratulations to all the folks involved.

Ladies and gentlemen, start your engines.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 48 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Rabbi Jay Weinstein, Young Israel of East Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

Our God in heaven, please grant Your blessing upon our Nation's leaders, our President, Vice President, Members of Congress, and all our officers of government. Grant them courage and wisdom, sensitivity and compassion, as they respond to the needs of our diverse population. Allow them to bring to fruition the hopes and visions, dreams, and goals upon which this country was founded.

Merciful God, we express our deep gratitude for this magnificent country, a home built upon the values of peace, religious tolerance, and respect.

Protect our courageous military forces, who are spread throughout the world. Quickly return them to their family's warm embrace. Guard and shield the members of our country's police force, fire department, emergency personnel, and all those who risk their lives to protect us from harm.

Almighty God, who makes peace in Heaven, from this glorious House of Representatives, our seat of democracy, we ask that You bless our world with peace, safety, and prosperity, so we may fulfill our sacred responsibility of making the world a better place.

And let us respond amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMBORN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING RABBI JAY WEINSTEIN

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. GRAHAM) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to thank Rabbi Jay Weinstein for delivering this morning's invocation.

Rabbi Weinstein is a native of Miami Beach, Florida. He received his ordination from Yeshiva University. He is now rabbi at Young Israel of East Brunswick, New Jersey, which serves more than 220 families.

I also want to recognize Rabbi Weinstein's parents, Stanley and Lenore, his wife, Sharon, and his four wonderful children, one of whom, Ora, is here with me on the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to live in a Nation where we open our doors and our hearts to invite leaders of all different faiths to offer a blessing. I am very thankful to Rabbi Weinstein for offering such an incredibly meaningful prayer this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Ms. STEFANIK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, in my district in the North Country of New York, brave law enforcement officers dedicate their careers and risk their lives each and every day to keep our communities safe.

We are grateful for the outstanding service from men and women like Sergeant Jay Cook of the New York State Police, whose courageous actions put an end to the manhunt for the killers who escaped Clinton Correctional Facility last year.

Sadly, far too many of these brave men and women have lost their lives in the line of duty. Each year communities across our Nation gather to honor in recognition of these heroes and tens of thousands of law enforcement officers descend on our Nation's capital to honor the fallen.

Mr. Speaker, in commemoration of National Police Week, I rise today to thank our law enforcement officers for their service and to honor the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

NABISCO BAKERY

(Mr. LIPINSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the hardworking men and women at the Nabisco Bakery